

Area News

Sen. Holley and Rep. Carothers honored for their leadership

Recently, Representative Joe Carothers and Senator Jimmy Holley were honored for their leadership in the Alabama Legislature where they passed legislation directed at solving some of the problems facing the senior citizens of the State of Alabama. The ceremony took place in Dothan where State Treasurer Lucy Baxley, the state spokesperson for the Senior Promise, and many other dignitaries gathered to thank these legislators. Mr. Baxley presented plaques on behalf of all the seniors of the State of Alabama declaring Rep. Carothers and Sen. Holley to be "their champions for the new millennium." During the 1999 regular and special sessions of the Alabama State Legislature, Rep. Carothers and Sen. Holley emerged as the leaders who pressed the Legislature to give senior citizens the respect and attention needed to resolve their problems. Problems such as: 25,000 seniors on waiting list for meals, the lack of funding for medications, poor transportation, and

inadequate senior centers. Through persistence they created the Senior Service Trust Fund. Two million

dollars will be deposited in this fund for the next 25 years, allowing for long range planning to take care

of services for the fastest growing segment of our population. Also, Rep. Carothers and Sen. Holley passed a \$500,000 supplemental appropriation to cover increased meal cost. This was the first time the Commission On Aging budget has been increased in 13 years. The creation of the Senior Promise Program was also credited to Rep. Carothers and Sen. Holley. The Senior Promise Program is a statewide effort to bring about awareness of the plight of senior citizens in the State of Alabama and the development of plans to provide much needed services.



Pictured from left to right: Rep. Joe Carothers, State Treasurer Lucy Baxley and Senator Jimmy Holley.

Have a Safe & Happy...



Who says co-ops don't pay taxes? Covington Electric Cooperative, a local member-owned electric distribution cooperative, paid more than \$2.2 million in local, state and federal taxes in 1999. This included more than \$270,000 in franchise taxes paid to 13 municipalities in which CEC has facilities and \$266,742 in property taxes in six counties. CEC General Manager Ed Short (left) is shown above presenting a check for \$24,692.54 to Elba City Clerk Don Morrow (right) for 2000 licensing taxes.

Inmates provide more than 1,200 hours of service

During the month of January, inmates at the Elba Work Release facility of the Department of Corrections posted over 1,200 hours of service for area agencies.

A total of 154 inmates worked for 1,232 hours on various projects for 11 agencies, according to information released by Dewayne Estes, warden of the Elba Work Release facility.

Agencies requesting assistance from the work release were: the City of Elba, Elba Recycling, Coffee County, Elba Police Department, Elba National Guard, Elba Recreation Department, Town of Kinross, Daleville National Guard, City of Daleville, Enterprise National Guard and Alabama Forestry.

Of the 154 inmates, 30 of them worked on general labor projects for the City of Elba and Elba Recycling while 15 inmates helped the City of Daleville with its labor projects.

The National Guards of Elba, Enterprise and Daleville were assisted by 34 inmates on cleaning and maintenance projects. Six inmates assisted the Elba Recreation Dept. with cleaning projects, 10 inmates washed cars for the Elba Police Dept., another 10 inmates helped with garbage pick-up in the Town of Kinross and 13 inmates helped clean state property for Alabama Forestry.

The remaining 36 inmates of the 154 were used by Coffee County for road maintenance projects. According to Estes, the 1,232 hours of service provided by the 154 work release inmates equaled a total dollar value of \$6,344.80 for the month of January, 2000.

AARP offers tax-aid service for persons age 60 and over

Tax-Aide Volunteers are at the Elba Sr. Center every Thursday until April 17 to prepare income tax returns for those age 60 or older. Call 897-3019 today and make an appointment to get your income tax prepared free and e-filed. The Elba Sr. Center is one of 18 tax sites in Alabama using computers and professional tax software to prepare taxes. Two IRS trained tax counselors are available to assist you.

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 - A service which prepares tax returns and answers tax questions;
 - 31,000+ dedicated and proud IRS-trained and certified volunteers;
 - A confidential service;
 - A non-profit program;
 - An AARP Foundation program and part of the National Community Service Programs Group;
 - Available to those 60 or older.
- The program is available from Feb. 1 - April 15 each year. During the off-season, the program continues to provide on-line tax counseling and trains the volunteer cadre for the upcoming season.

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OTHER OPERATIONS PRESENTLY PERFORMED IN THE ELBA PLANT TO REMAIN

Kleinert's Inc. of Alabama decides to produce all good offshore

Kleinert's Incorporated of Alabama, a leader in the manufacture of quality children's apparel, announced Tuesday that it is cutting back on its sewing operation in the Elba plant.

After thirty years of manufacturing children's apparel in Elba, company officials have made the decision to produce all goods offshore. Officials stated, "With the continued competition from Gerber,

Carter and others, who heavily utilize imported goods causing extreme price pressure on Kleinert's, we are faced with an

ever changing marketing place for our retail customers. "Our plan is to keep the existing sewing and packing in Elba for the next 60 calendar days and shut down these operations sometime between April 21, 2000 and May 5, 2000. This will involve approximately one hundred employees."

No change is expected in the cut-

ting, screen print embroidery, shipping, dress and garment shield or other related departments.

According to company officials, a major lay-off which combined with normal turnover resulted in a net decrease of approximately 100 individuals.

Company officials stated in the November release that it was their intention to maintain a full work force at the Elba facility of between 400 to 500 employees; however this seems to be changing.

Kleinert's, one of the country's largest and oldest manufacturer of children's wear - founded in 1869 and based in Plymouth Meeting, Pa., proudly sells under the Baby-Gro, Buster Brown and various other labels."

Stiffer law in the making against making bomb threats

The members of the Alabama House Judiciary Committee sent a message to pranksters that false bomb threats have to stop.

The proposal will strengthen the penalty for crimes relating to false bomb threats, increasing it from a misdemeanor to a Class C felony that carries a sentence of up to ten years in prison.

"A school official's only option is to evacuate the school when a bomb threat is made," said State Representative Howard Hawk (D-Arab), sponsor of the bill. "This wastes class time and emergency personnel time, not to mention the sense of insecurity and danger felt by the students."

Reports of violence on school campuses have risen dramatically over recent years - both nationally

and here in Alabama. Several school systems have fallen victim to these prank calls, Cullman and Mobile especially, with more than three each in the past year.

"When a threat is made, the school administrator must take it seriously," comments Rep. Terry Spicer (D-Elba). "Our children need a safe environment where they can learn and teachers can teach."

The proposal has earned endorsements by the Alabama District Attorney Association and Governor Don Siegelman. The Governor mentioned the proposal in his State of the State Address earlier this month. He has made several appearances around the state garnering support for the measure.

BLACK HISTORY month

This week's focus is on Henry Terry.

Henry Terry, born in Elba, Ala. on Dec. 14, 1963, the son of the late Ms. Annie Jo Terry, is a pianist, conductor and an educator. He is a graduate of Elba High School. As a student in the public schools of Elba, Terry studied piano with local instructors, Gladys Yelverton, Annie Glen Tiltman, Poncy Collier, and Lois Holt. After high school, Terry attended Enterprise State Junior College and studied piano with Elisabeth Donaldson, Dr. Barbara Voss Smith and Dr. Patty Muller.

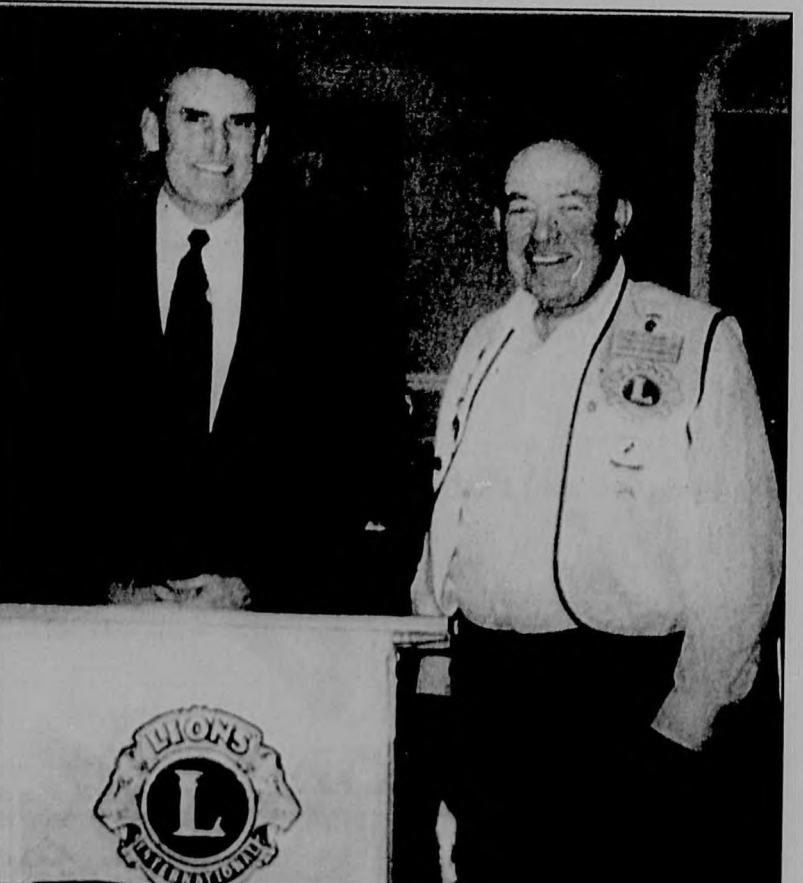
Terry is a graduate of Alabama State University where he earned the Bachelor of Arts degree in music and the Master of music education. While attending ASU, Terry was afforded the opportunity to study piano and choral conducting with Dr. Kay Pace.

In 1990, he was sought and invited to teach class piano and music theory at the Carver Creative and Performing Arts Center in Montgomery. In 1991, the principal of Carver High School challenged Terry with the task of rebuilding the almost defunct choral music program. The choral music department at Carver High School had a

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PROBATE UPDATE...given to Elba Lions Club by Coffee County Probate Judge William O. Gammill, Judge Gammill, at the last Lions' meeting, gave members a brief overview of STARS (Synchronized Tag & Registration System) and how its implementation has affected county citizens. He explained that taxes on automobiles are now paid in advance whereas in the past they were paid at year's end. In order to do this, all 1999 taxes on automobiles were forgiven (not collected) in order to allow all taxpayers to be treated equally. He also noted that liability insurance on all automobiles is now mandatory - not optional. Also, Judge Gammill told Lions that it is in the works to simplify the assessment of automobiles for the purpose of taxing them. On a closing note, the judge commented that he would be seeking re-election in 2000. He also noted that the four elections scheduled this year will be expensive to the taxpayer. Pictured above with

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Area Happenings

TRIBAL & INDIAN MEETING. An urgent tribal meeting of the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama has been scheduled for Sunday, February 27, 2000, at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium of New Brockton High School in New Brockton. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss available scholarships, tobacco lawsuit, Native American law suit, and other benefits available to Native Americans. For additional information call or fax (334)894-6578 or E-mail: creeks@entercomp.com

ADC MEETING SET. The Coffee County Unit of Alabama Democratic Conference (ADC) will meet at St. Beulah Baptist Church, South Carroll Street, Enterprise, Tuesday, Feb. 29. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m., and all members and prospective members are encouraged to attend.

VIETNAM VETS MEET. Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. Chapter 373 will hold its regular monthly meeting on March 2 at the Claychatchee Community House, which is located on Hwy. 92 close to Providence Baptist Church. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Veterans and their families are welcome to attend.

AA MEETINGS SCHEDULED. Alcoholics Anonymous meeting to begin in Elba Tuesday, March 7, at 8 p.m., and continuing indefinitely on every Tuesday night at 8 p.m. at the Elba United Methodist Church, corner of Claxton and Davis (Hwy. 84). Meeting will be held in the Choir Room. For further information, call the church office at 897-2219 or Patti B. at 897-6918.

It is not too late for anyone who

U. S. Sen. Shelby talks with residents over breakfast

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

U. S. Senator Richard Shelby addressed a group of Coffee County citizens at a Dutch treat breakfast in Enterprise last Friday morning. This was part of an established pattern the 14-year veteran senator follows when he returns to Alabama and makes visits to every corner of the state sometime during each calendar year.

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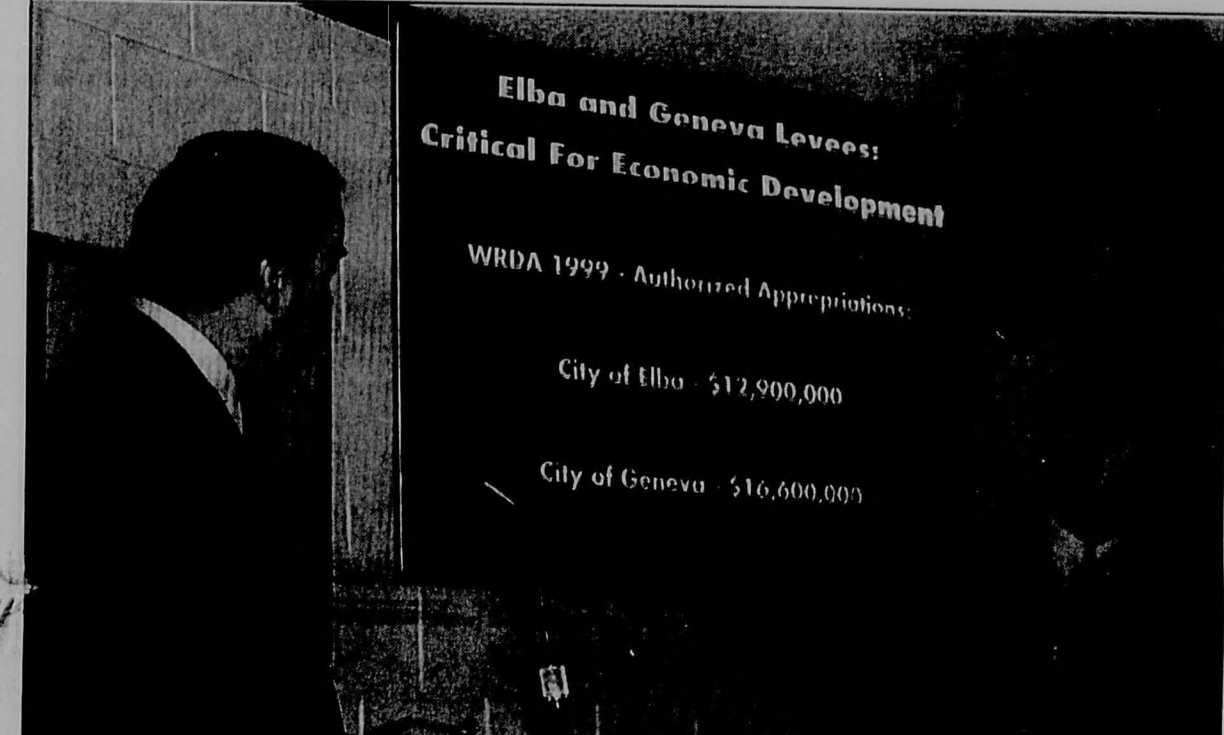
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U. S. Senator Richard Shelby, left, and chief aid Tom Young hold one of several charts they used to show guest at a Friday morning Dutch treat breakfast what is happening in Washington. The above chart deals with the proposed funding to repair the Elba and Geneva levees, projects which the senator said are very important. He added that he expected these projects to be funded this year.

in federal highway funds... much less than the amount collected in the state. He noted however that he was instrumental in getting the formula changed and in the year 2000, Alabama's share of the funds total

almost \$600 billion.

The Republican senator advocates a change in state laws to allow Alabama to hold a presidential primary "sometime after the New Hampshire primary, but before the

South Carolina primary but not on Super Tuesday." His reasoning for not having the primary on Super

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Elba C of C sponsoring Miss Elba & Miss ZC pageants

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

The annual Miss Elba pageants, sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce, are a little over three weeks away, and change seems to be the big thing surrounding this year's hype.

"The Elba Chamber of Commerce is going to sponsor both the Miss Elba and Miss Zion Chapel pageants this year," said Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

"Our initial plan was to hold one set of pageants for the young ladies; however, we have since

decided to hold separate pageants for each group of girls."

Whitworth said both the Miss Elba and Miss Zion Chapel pageants will be held on the same night, March 18, at the Elba High School Auditorium with categories to include: Future Little Miss Elba and Zion Chapel, Little Miss Elba and Zion Chapel, Jr. Miss Elba and Zion Chapel and Miss Elba and Zion Chapel.

"We got the word that there was not going to be a Miss Zion Chapel pageant this year," Whitworth said. "We wanted these girls to have a chance to represent their communi-

Elba Chamber of Commerce sponsors Team Clean-up Day & Plant-A-Tree

Team Clean-up day and Plant-A-Tree Project, sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for Saturday, February 26, 2000, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Activities for the day will include: tree planting around the Courthouse Square, landscaping around the fountain and gazebo, and picking up trash around the city.

The Chamber is asking for merchants, civic organizations or individuals who would like to sponsor a flower spot around the sidewalks to call the Chamber office. The cost will be \$35.00 and a sign with the sponsor's name will be placed in the plot. It is the hope of the chamber that everyone will join in and become a part of the "Revitalization of Downtown Elba."

Many teams have already called to say they will be participating in this city-wide clean-up. Lunch will be provided at 12:00 noon, prepared by the Elba Volunteer Fire Department.

It is not too late for anyone who

wishes to put a team together and join in the fun.

Anyone who would like to help and is not part of a team can still participate by calling the Chamber office at 897-3125 and letting them know you will be joining in the day's events.

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NOTICE

The U.S. Census Bureau needs temporary workers for Census 2000 jobs. Positions are available on a part time or full time basis with salary being \$9.50 per hour. Also, those working in a field position will be paid 31 cents per mile of travel. Earn extra money and help your community plan for the future with this exciting opportunity. Hours are flexible. Apply now for Census 2000 jobs in your area. Call toll free: 1-888-325-7733.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

U.S. Senator Richard Shelby made a flying visit to Coffee County last Friday to meet with voters and find out what people are thinking. Good news for Elba folks was his renewed commitment to securing the necessary funding to make recommended repairs to the levee. While he acknowledged nothing is for sure until it happens, he is confident the federal money will be made available. It is good to have people in such high places looking out for our needs.

An issue Senator Shelby mentioned in passing was the need for a presidential primary in Alabama before someone has the nomination all locked up. The senator thinks this will help Alabama get its needs on the agenda easier. He suggests a date after the New Hampshire primary, but before Super Tuesday. His problem with Super Tuesday is that we would get lost in the crowd.

There is an ad in this issue of *The Elba Clipper* urging the legislators, Mississippi casino operators, and Christian County to step out of Macon County's business and let them vote on a video poker bill to beef up the profits for the owners of the Macon County dog track. The argument raging in the legislature is - should this be a local bill or a statewide bill? Personally we think it has statewide implications and therefore should be a statewide bill. But then that is kinda what Alabama voters voted down last year and therefore the video-poker for the dog-track supporters don't want a statewide vote.

Several weeks ago this column questioned the need to make changes in the teacher tenure law, but didn't really have a pro or con opinion on it if school folks and the legislature thought the changes would help. Now we are hearing rumblings that the proposed changes will make it even harder and more expensive to terminate any teacher, even a first-year employee. An Alabama superintendent we have great respect for said last Monday night that if the bill passes as proposed, he will have to go through all the same long drawn-out legal procedures to terminate even a first-time teacher who hasn't yet earned tenure. Now that is not the way the tenure change law was presented the first time we heard about it. This turn of events puts us dead against passage of the bill now making its way through the legislative process.

It was an almost riot at the recent national meeting of the Reform Party, the party once headed by Ross Perot. Two factions were at odds over the direction the party should go and the split grew into a verbal battle. Even the governor/wrestler is probably an ex-Reform Party member because of the differing opinions. For a day or so the news media reported the event with shock. We were not at all surprised. First, the battle had been building for several months; secondly, the party itself was formed from people who couldn't get along with either of the other major parties. Party politics is a game of constant compromise and the reason most of these people left the Democrats or Republicans in the first place was their strong opinions, which couldn't be compromised. Thus if you get two of these non-compromising individuals together on one issue, they still have those original non-compromise opinions - they are right or wrong. The results is what we saw at the Reform Party convention. The only question should have been, "when will the argument start?"

Actually we can relate to those who left the Democratic and Republican parties because they couldn't bring themselves to compromise. We have often said that if we ever had a lapse of sanity and wanted to run for public office, selecting a party banner to carry would give us the necessary reality check. It wouldn't be impossible to be a "party man" but unless we had a burning desire which is undetected to this day, swearing to accept any party line absolutely would be more than we could stomach. Heck, we sometimes have trouble accepting our own thoughts as fact, and surely would with those written by a committee.

A Degree Of Differences

(NAPS) - Scientists have cool news for many people who've been worried about global warming.

An analysis of 45 years of "degree day" temperature trends shows nothing to support assertions that the U.S. is heating up. The study, by Arizona State University's Office of Climatology, found no climate change, nor any change in either summer heat waves or winter cold spells.

A "degree day" is a term often used by weathercasters. It was devised by heating, ventilation and air conditioning engineers to relate each day's temperature to the demand for fuel to heat or cool buildings.

To determine a heating degree day, the day's average temperature is derived by adding the high and low temperatures and dividing by two. If the number is above 65, there were no heating degree days that day. If the number is less than 65, it's subtracted from 65 to find what's needed to heat buildings. Cooling degree-days measure what

it takes to keep a building cool enough for comfort, and are also based on the temperature average, minus 65.

Explains Dr. Robert C. Balling, Jr., a science advisor to the Greening Earth Society, "Our analysis of degree-day patterns from the historical climate records does not provide support for the computer model simulations" that have been used to predict alarming future global conditions. These conditions have been blamed on the release of "greenhouse gases," such as carbon dioxide, mostly the result of fossil fuel use by cars, trucks and electric utilities.

In light of the recent findings, many people are writing their legislators urging them not to jeopardize our way of life to avert a danger that doesn't seem to be there. Anyone can express an opinion on either side of this or any issue to the House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515 and the U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

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ESJC HOSTS SPECIAL WORKSHOP... Counselors from Elba High School recently attended a special workshop session at Enterprise State Junior College, joining counselors from other Wiregrass area high schools. Pictured from left to right are ESJC Associate Dean of Students Gary Deas, Lynn C. Weeks, Mike Camley and ESJC Tutorial Assistance Program for Students Counselor Jennifer Campbell.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of February 15, 2000, through February 21, 2000. They were: Grady Barefoot, Glen M. Roberts, L. M. Birch, Jessie Smart, Othie Henderson, Elmer Twilley, Charles Beck, Charles Beck, Richard Moody, Lela Smart, Clara Kelly, Rhonda Mills, Diane Jones, Doris Farmer, Jessie Davis, Wiley Williams, Kimberly Ward, Ella Mae Jackson, Tarshanda Stoudemire, Harvey Sasser, Ruby Conde, Alberta Martin, Iva Cotton, Annette Bradshaw, Rebecca Stinson, Cleo Livingston, Hazel Parker, U. V. McDaniels, Henry Stackerhouse, Christopher Legear, Mirinda Taylor, Britany Head, Nicholas McSwain, Annice Coleman, Carrie Hall, Mary Ward, and Mary Barnes.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Early Cardwell, Pearl Tillis, Howard Morgan, Phyllis Maddox, Betty Sue Hardy, Ida Mae Hooks, Charles Tillis, Elmer Twilley, Richard Moody, Henry Chestnut, Glen M. Roberts, Rhonda Mills, Charles Beck, Clara Kelly, Doris Farmer, Ella Mae Jackson, Kimberly Ward, L. M. Birch, Othie Henderson, Tarshanda Stoudemire, Jessie Smart, U. V. McDaniels, Wiley Williams, Hazel Parker, Lela Smart, Nicholas McSwain, Grady Barefoot, Rebecca Stinson, Jessie Davis, Harvey Sasser, Ruby Conde, Henry Stackerhouse, Alberta Martin, Iva Cotton, Maude Grant, and Christopher Legear.

Funeral services will be held Feb. 24, 2000 (Today) at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home of Elba with Rev. David Richburg officiating. Burial will follow in the New Home Cemetery, of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Ham was preceded in death by her husband, John H. Ham, and a son, Rex Ham.

Survivors include three daughters: Lurline Adams, Betty Anthony and Totie Parrish, all of Elba; a son, Ray Ham, Opp; four sisters: Clara Mae Cotter, Opp, Maurine

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- SOCIAL SECURITY REP. Court-house 4th Tues. 12:30-2:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1214
- ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
- ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 7-8 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6:30 p.m. City Hall
- WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall
- ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office
- AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
- MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.
- BAND ROOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
- VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New-Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894 SWS
- COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House
- COFFEE COUNTY WOMEN - 1st Wed. Noon, Colony Inn, Enterprise
- AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room
- AARP meets every 2nd Tuesday, night of the month
- CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Mon. 7 p.m. - Elba Airport, Driscoll Banger
- ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Monday 6:30 p.m. - EHS Cafeteria
- ZION CHAPEL CHINE WATCH is First Thursday night - 7:00 pm of each month at the ZC Fire Department
- WOODMAN OF THE WORLD LODGE 1932 - 4th Thursday night of the month @ 7:00 p.m. at the Woodman Lodge located at 510 S. Simmons Street, Elba.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, February 7, 1999, investigated the following incidents: four assaults, one DUI, one burglary, one reckless endangerment, one illegal possession of a controlled substance, one criminal mischief, one theft of property, one harassment, and one possession of marijuana.

The following arrests were made: two for failure to appear, one for negotiation of a worthless negotiable instrument, one for burglary, two for harassment, one on an outstanding warrant, two for illegal distribution of a controlled substance, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for illegal possession of a controlled substance, one for VPI, and one for possession of marijuana.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: fifteen for speeding, four for an expired tag, thirteen for violation of seat belt law, two for driving without first obtaining a driver's license, one for DUI, one for no tag displayed, six on no driver's license in possession, one for running a red light, seven for violation of the child restraint law, four for driving while driver's license are suspended, and one for running a stop sign.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - River stage - 5:08 (6:14 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck at the intersection of AL Hwy. 134 and 875 (11:50 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence in New Brockton (5:11 p.m.); Disturbance reported at police headquarters (10:26 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to police headquarters (10:29 p.m.).

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 - River stage - 6:58 (6:20 a.m.); Alarm at Southeast Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (8:58 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Runt's Auto Sav. (2:41 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Washington Ave. (3:48 p.m.); Post-

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - River stage - 5:31 (6:45 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Pea River Bridge (12:51 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 307 (6:41 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Co. Rd. 427 (9:56 p.m.).

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - Alarm at a residence on East Davis Street (1:56 a.m.); River stage - 4:80 (6:06 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Taylor Mill Road (8:51 p.m.); Prowler reported on Simmons Street (10:19 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck at the intersection of Co. Rd. 156 and AL Hwy. 167N (11:20 p.m.).

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - River stage - 4:48 (6:46 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Washington Ave. (9:06 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported on Martin Luther King Drive (3:17 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 401 (4:05 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Jackson Street (6:56 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 306 (11:58 p.m.).

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Edgewood Drive (2:00 a.m.); River stage - 4:24 (6:16 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on AL Hwy. 875 (9:09 a.m.); Alarm at Kelley Foods (12:36 p.m.); Fight reported on Martin Luther King Drive (7:25 p.m.); Fight with shots fired reported on Edmondson Ave. (10:08 p.m.).

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20 - Alarm at Big/Little-East (6:01 a.m.); River stage - 4:08 (6:08 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 307 (9:26 a.m.).

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Therefore, she said the chamber decided it must come up with a way to bring the two communities together but allow them to keep their own identity at the same time. The end result was for the City of Elba to sponsor both pageants together but separately.

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The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is 4:30 p.m., Thursday, March 16. Applications for Absentee voting are available at the Absentee Election Manager's office at the Farm Center Complex in New Brockton and at the Circuit Clerk and Probate Judge's offices at the Enterprise and Elba courthouses. Any completed application must be returned by the voter in person or sent by the U.S. Mail. Multiple applications CANNOT be accepted if mailed in the same envelope.

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EMERGENCY VOTING: any registered elector who requires emergency treatment of a licensed physician within five days of an election may apply for an Emergency Absentee ballot. The ballot must be returned no later than 4:30 p.m., March 20. Medical Emergency Absentee ballots may be returned by a person designated by the voter. The attending physician must describe and certify the circumstances constituting the emergency.

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God's answer to the sinfulness of the human heart is regeneration, which comes to all those who repent of their sins, turn to God, and place a personal faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior.

(1) Regeneration is a matter of the heart. The person who repents from his heart of all sin and confesses in his heart the Jesus is Lord (Rom 10:9) is born again and receives a new heart from God.

(2) Within the hearts of those who experience spiritual birth, God creates a desire to love Him and to obey Him. Repeatedly God emphasizes to His people the necessity of a love which comes from the heart. Such love for and devotion to God cannot be separated from obedience to His law. Jesus taught that love for God with the whole heart and love for one's neighbor summarize the entire law of God (Matt. 22:37-40).

(3) Love from the heart is the essential ingredient in obedience to God. All too often God's people tried to substitute obedience to mere outward religious forms (such as fasts, offerings, and sacrifices) for genuine love from the heart. Outward observance without an inner desire to serve God is hypocrisy and is severely condemned by our Lord (Matt. 23:13-28).

(4) Many other spiritual activities take place in the hearts of regenerated believers. They praise God from their heart (Ps. 9:1), meditate on God's word continually in their heart (Ps. 10:14), cry out to God from their heart (Ps. 84:2), seek God with all their heart (Ps. 119:10), hide God's word in their heart (Ps. 119:11), trust in the Lord with their whole heart (Prov. 3:5), experience the love of God poured out into their heart (Rom. 5:5) and singing to God from their heart (Eph. 5:19).

What are the contents of your heart? Is the love of God manifested in what you do and say? Do you feel the comfort of His love in your heart? Let us search our hearts to see if we are carriers of the true love of God.

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Grief Support Group meets every Monday at Elba United Methodist Church

A Grief Support Group, directed by Janice Clark meets every Monday Night from 6:30 - 7:30 in the Maggie Garret Sunday School classroom at The Elba United Methodist Church. Entry is on the side of the church on W. Davis St. Anyone who is experiencing a grief situation is welcome to attend. For more information call the church office, 897-2219 - Rev. John Baxter or 897-6127 - Janice Clark.



ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

Scripture: Matthew 27:38-54

***Thinking of you, praying for you: Pearl Tillis, Roxie Porter, J.W. Lindsey, Vick E. Lindsey, Dora D. Belcher, Lee Ella Robinson, Rev. Charles Lane, Mary Bell, Annie Bell Flournoy, Betty Newton

***Black History Program at White Water Baptist Church in Brundage will be held Saturday, Feb. 26, at 6 p.m. Guests will be the pastor and choir of Rocky Head MB Church of Elba.

***Pastor's Appreciation of New Pilgrim Baptist Church in River Falls will be Sunday, Feb. 27, at 2:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church of Tarentum and Rocky Head MB Church of Elba. The guest choir will be the Rocky Head MB Church Ensemble.

***Christian Fellowship and Spring Revival of First Unity Missionary Baptist Church of Andalusia will be March 6-10 with services beginning at 7:30 p.m. night. Guest speakers will be Monday night - Rev. W.O. Edwards, Tuesday night - Rev. Roddenick Caldwell; Wednesday night - Rev. Kelvin Phillips; Thursday night - Rev. Paul Phillips; Friday night - Rev. C.A. Hammond Jr.

After high school, she plans to attend Albany State University and major in biology. Melissa has chosen to pursue a career in physical therapy.

She said that if she could have one dream come true, she would like to become a successful woman in life and live in peace and harmony.

The following is a list of some of Melissa's favorite things:

Song: "Practice What You Preach" by Barry White
Book: Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
Bible Verse: "In God have I put my trust; I will not be afraid of what man can do unto me." Psalm 56:11
Food: Alabama Fresh Field Peas and Corn
Car: Lincoln Navigator

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LIFESTYLES

Three-In-One Study Club holds February meeting at Elba Public Library

The Three-In-One Study Club meeting for the month of February was held in the Elba Public Library with Mrs. Hanley Hasty serving as hostess. Mrs. Hasty served cake and coffee as refreshments.

Mrs. Addileen Newman, president, presided over the meeting. Mrs. Newman presented Mrs. Betty Brunson of National Security Insurance Company. Mrs. Brunson spoke of the new National Security conference building. The building is to be used by the public for gatherings. The building also contains a museum. The museum contains to date, memorabilia from three wars. The company urges veterans to register their keepsakes with them.

Following Mrs. Brunson's presentation, Mrs. Newman called for committee reports.

2000 Coffee County Pageants to be held April 30th

The 2000 Coffee County Pageants will be held April 30 at Elba High School. Categories include Future Little Miss, Little Miss, Petite Miss, Pre-Teen Miss, Teen Miss and Miss.

Future Little Miss, Petite Miss, Pre-Teen Miss and Teen Miss pageants will be held at 1:30 p.m., and the Little Miss and Miss pageants will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Little Miss and Miss will compete in the National Peanut Festival Pageant. For questions, call Teresa Dutton at 347-2848 or Karen Patrick at 347-9667. If no answer, please leave a message, and someone will get back to you.

There will be an organizational meeting March 12 at 2 p.m. at the YMCA Adult Building.



JIMMIE ZEB SCOTT celebrated his 90th birthday on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2000. His children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sisters and a host of friends from five states joined him in celebrating this joyous occasion.

Anna Maddox on Dean's List at Harding University

Anna C. Maddox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Maddox, Elba, is among the 982 Harding University students included on the school's Dean's List for grades achieved during the fall semester at the university. Maddox, a freshman, attended Elba High School before entering Harding.



Britany Lee Mobley
Britany Mobley is finalist in annual Homecoming Queen Selection

Miss Britany Lee Mobley, daughter of Wilson and Zella Mobley of Luck, has been selected as a finalist for Alabama's Twentieth Annual Homecoming Queen Selection to be held April 29 and 30 at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Montgomery. She is the New Brockton High School Homecoming Queen.

Alabama's Homecoming Queen will receive a cash scholarship plus an expense paid trip to compete with queens from the other states for America's Homecoming Queen in August in California.

DEADLINE FOR SOCIALS & CHURCH NEWS IS MONDAY!!!!!!



Mr. & Mrs. Trosby Lee Trout

Trout-Kavleski wedding held in New York

Miss Callie Ann Kavleski became the bride of Mr. Trosby Lee Trout at five o'clock in the evening on July 17, 1999 at the Owego Treadway Inn in Owego, New York. Pastor Wayne Silbrava officiated the ceremony.

The bride was given away in marriage by her mother, Mrs. Judith Kavleski.

Matron of Honor was Mrs. Faith Sigler, sister of the bride. Mrs. Suzanne Vandenberg, friend of the bride, served as the bridesmaid. Serving as best man was Mr. Chip Smith, friend of the groom. Mr. Keith Konegay, friend of the groom, served as the other.

A lovely wedding reception was held at the Owego Treadway Inn in Owego, N.Y.

Following a honeymoon to Cancun, Mexico, the couple resides in Birmingham, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lawford honored on 50th Wedding Anniversary recently

Aunt B's Bed and Breakfast was the setting for a Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration honoring Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lawford on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 12, 1999, between the hours of two and half past three o'clock.

Aunt B's lovely home was beautifully decorated throughout with a Christmas theme.

Guests were greeted as they arrived by Nell and Leroy, along with their children and daughters-in-law.

The beautifully appointed dining room table was covered with a white linen table cloth. A gold punch bowl in the center of the table was surrounded by greenery and flowers. Two burning white pillar candles in crystal vases set on either side of the punch bowl. Greenery and white netting surrounded the three tier traditional wedding cake. Party dainties were served on gold serving trays to complete the arrangement. (Special thanks to Henrietta Grimes for the delicious cheese straws.)

Presiding over the refreshment table were Whitney, Lyndsay, and Heather Lawford, Pam Bell, and Stephanie Havel, granddaughters. Grandsons, Josh and Kevin, were very helpful.

For this special occasion, Mrs. Lawford chose a lovely two piece dress. The sapphire duster had solid cuff clasp with rhinestone buttons adorning the sleeves. The dress was complimented by a beautiful corsage.

Approximately 200 guests attended to include several friends and family members from out of town.

To all who stopped by on Saturday to visit and each of you who attended our celebration, we would like to say thank you from the bottom of our heart for your participation.

Twentieth Century Study Club members enjoy special treat

On the tenth of February, the members of the Twentieth Century Study Club treated themselves to a Ladies Night Out rather than the annual Valentine's party for husbands. They met at the library and then drove to Fort Rucker. There, they dined on steak and salad at the Officers Club.

The ladies that enjoyed the special occasion were: Doni Hildreth Cooper, Judy Eastburn, Penny Glover, Nell Harvison, Carolyn Shively, Peggy Stroud, Grace Taylor, Elaine Thompson, Betty Vaughan and Ella Jean Vaughan.

Fall commencement held at Troy State University

Fall commencement was held at Troy State University Dec. 18 with 365 students receiving degrees in a ceremony held at Sartain Hall. Local graduates receiving their degrees were: Joe E. Donaldson, Anissa B. Fundum, Richard D. Oggs, Dana S. Padgett, Kayla L. Phillips, Shalandra T. Rogers and Michael A. Ross, all of Elba.



Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lawford

Annual dance sponsored by the EJWC Club to be held

The Enterprise Junior Women's Club annual dance is scheduled for Saturday, February 26, at Fort Rucker's Officers Club.

This year's entertainment is the band "High Fidelity." "High Fidelity" plays an array of music ranging from dance to classic rock 'n' roll.

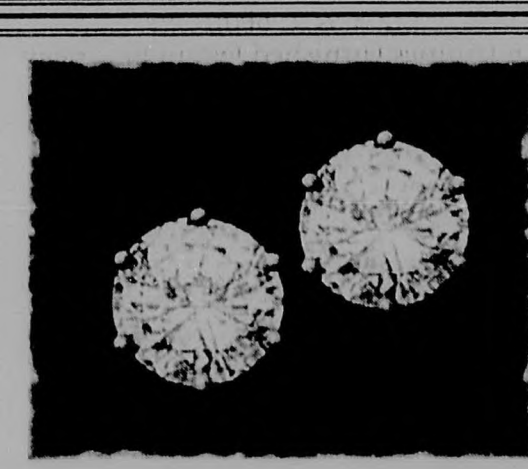
Tickets for the dance are \$15, with all proceeds supporting a local organization. To purchase tickets, contact any EJWC club member, or call Teresa Robinson at 393-4047 or Vicki Torrence at 347-7305.

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ONE ACCORD will be in concert at Westside Baptist Church, located on Caroline Street in Elba, on Sunday, March 5. The concert will begin at 10 a.m. No admission charge, but a love offering will be taken during the service. Everyone is welcome.

Vanderbilt Holiness Church to hold gospel sing, Saturday February 26th

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BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Sam Letten, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY Rev. Sam Letten, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.
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BUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Elliott Smith, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:30 p.m.	ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD Homer F. Moore, Pastor Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:30 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.
BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.	ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Robert Paul, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.
CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Bennett Abbott, Pastor Church Service.....9:30 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays.....9:30 a.m. 3rd, 5th & 6th Sundays.....11:00 a.m.	ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. John L. Baxter, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST E. H. Hill, Minister Sunday School.....12:00 noon 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays.....12:00 noon	ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH J. L. Gray, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.
DANASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. William Frank, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.
DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Dorcas Baptist, Pastor Sunday School.....11:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wed.....7:00 p.m.	FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Denny Sherer, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

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FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON	
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.	JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD Rev. Stephen Daboe, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.
FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS	
Andy Marler, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	KINSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH John Freeman, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH	
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.	LIVING WORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Rev. & Mary Stinson, Pastors Sunday Service.....9:45 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service.....6:00 p.m.
HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC	
W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.	LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	
Rev. John L. Baxter, Pastor Morn. Worship.....8:45 a.m.	LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.
HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD	
Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
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Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.	MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Bobby Driver, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.
MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH	
Rev. Robert McWaters, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.	MT. ZION HOLINESS Jimmie Bryan, Minister Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.

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Even. Worship.....	5:30 p.m.
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NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH	
Rev. Ben Aming, Pastor	
Sunday School.....	10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet.....	6:30 p.m.
NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH	
Walter Faulstich, Pastor	
Sunday School.....	10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class.....	6:30 p.m.
NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH	
J. C. Turner, Pastor	
Sunday School.....	10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....	7:00 p.m.
NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST	
Lorelei Flowers, Minister	
Sunday School.....	9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....	11:30 a.m.
Wed. Even. Service.....	7:30 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays.....	7:30 p.m.
OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH	
J. R. Parks, Pastor	
Sunday School.....	10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....	11:30 a.m.
Even. Service.....	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.
PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD	
Rev. Keith Price, Pastor	
Sunday School.....	9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service.....	7:00 p.m.
ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH	
A. R. Williams, Pastor	
Sunday School.....	10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....	6:30 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays.....	7:30 p.m.
ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH	
Mike Medley, Pastor	
Sunday School.....	9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet.....	7:00 p.m.
SHADY GROVE AME	
Rev. E. L. Flowers, Pastor	
Sunday School.....	10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....	6:00 p.m.
SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH	
Larry Wise, Pastor	
Sunday School.....	10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.
TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH	
Rev. Ben S. Sims, Malden	
Sunday School.....	10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....	5:00 p.m.
Thurs. Night Service.....	7:00 p.m.
Friday Prayer Meeting.....	5:00 p.m.
ELBA CHURCH OF GOD	
Ron Stallard, Pastor	
Sunday School.....	10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....	6:00 p.m.
Evangelistic Service.....	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....	7:00 p.m.
VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH	
Dr. R. L. Johnson, Pastor	
Sunday School.....	9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.
WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH	
Dr. Tony Drey, Pastor	
Sunday School.....	9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....	10:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet.....	7:00 p.m.
WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH	
Bruce Williams, Pastor	
Sunday School.....	10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet.....	7:00 p.m.
WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD	
Kenneth Hagler, Pastor	
Sunday School.....	9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....	11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service.....	7:00 p.m.
WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH	
Rev. Donald Dyer, Pastor	
Sunday School.....	10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....	5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet.....	7:00 p.m.
WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH	
Mike Medley, Pastor	
Sunday School.....	10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....	5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service.....	7:00 p.m.
ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH	
Jimmy Maddox, Pastor	
Sunday School.....	9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Service.....	7:00 p.m.
ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH	
Nathan Johnson, Pastor	
Sunday School.....	10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship.....	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....	5:00 p.m.
Thursday Service.....	7:00 p.m.

SCHOOLS

Eddins & Grant Named To All Tournament Team

Kayla Eddins and Tara Grant, seniors at Zion Chapel, were recently named to the Area All-Tournament Team. Members of the team were chosen from Zion Chapel, Florida, Houston Academy, and GW Long.

Kayla is seventeen years old, and has been playing basketball for three years. She is the Captain of the Varsity Cheerleading Squad and President of the SGA. Kayla is the Public Relations Officer for FBI, A and Beta Club, and she is a member of FFA, FHA, and the Annual Staff.

Tara is eighteen years old and has been playing basketball for two years. She is the Head Majorette for the Rebel Marching Band and a member of the concert band. Tara is also Parliamentarian of FBI, A, Vice-President of Beta Club and a member of the Annual Staff and girls softball team.

Eddins and Grant were both recognized at the Area Tournament.

SALUTE!

Rebel Band News

Band Has Guest Conductor

In preparation for the District VIII Band Competition, the Zion Chapel band has had a series of guest conductors during afternoon practice.

Mr. Robert W. Smith, director of bands at Troy State University, was a guest conductor. Mr. Smith is a composer of some of the music played by the Troy band. He composed one of the pieces the Zion Chapel band will perform at the district contest. The competition will be held at Troy State University in the Crosby Theater.

Mr. Smith is from Daleville, Ala.



Zion Chapel High School
REBEL NEWS
Rachel Bryan, Sponsor

Seniors Study Macbeth

by Tara Grant & Morgan Hodge

The seniors who are enrolled in the advanced curriculum are doing a detailed study of William Shakespeare's Macbeth. They are in the process of completing a project, which is due on February 25, 2000. This project includes a summary of the play, character sketches, identifying imagery, soliloquy (when a character says their thoughts aloud) paraphrasing, determining and discussing themes, identifying structural features, and memorization of lines. There are many mixed opinions about this project. Some of them are as follows:

"William Shakespeare is one of

the most significant and recognizable authors we study this year. Not only is he a master of theater, but a master of explaining and exploring human nature. Because of this, it is important that we study and consider his works from many perspectives. Writing about his character, themes, imagery, and use of figurative language are only the tip of the iceberg," said Ms. Stacy Steck, class instructor. "I think the work that was given to us on Macbeth was a little much, but in order for those who have a hard time understanding Shakespeare, the extra work could help. On the other hand, a test and full length essay would have been enough since literature, especially Shakespeare, is broad and full of interpretation. I totally disagree with having to memorize lines from the play, there is no reason for that."

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It doesn't make a difference to me. We are going to have to do it anyway. I just wish we had more time.

"I think our project would be a very good learning experience if we had 'class time' to do it. I believe it is way too much work to complete when we have six other

Freshman FBLA Members Prep For Contest

Jonah Edmondson, Amanda Perry, Ashley Wambles, Tracy Banks, Kimberly McClain, Brandon Arnold, and Courtney Tracy are seven of the youngest members of Zion Chapel Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) who will compete in the district competition.

Jonah is studying for a contest called FBLA Principles and Procedures. He will take a written objective test that will consist of general information about the organization of FBLA-PBL, Inc. its goals, creed, bylaws, and other facts found in the FBLA-PBL Chapter Management Handbook. He will have to be familiar with the competitive event information that makes up the National Awards Program.

Amanda Perry and Ashley Wambles are competing in a team event called Desktop Publishing. Participants in this contest have to create, design, and produce usable copy on a computer using desktop publishing software. In addition, they will be tested on their understanding of word definition and usage, proofreading, spelling, punctuation, numbers, capitalization, and oral communication concepts.

Brandon Arnold will compete in Introduction to Business, and he will take a written object test which may include questions on the characteristics and organization of business, management and banking, economic systems, rights and responsibilities of employees, managers, owners, and government.

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by Kayla Eddins

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Pictured above (l-r): front row - Kimberly McClain, Brandon Arnold, and Courtney Tracy; back row - Josh Edmondson, Amanda Perry, Ashley Wambles, and Tracy Banks.

insurance, consumerism, and career awareness.

Courtney Tracy will compete in Introduction to Business Communication. Her written exam will be objective and may include grammar, word definition and usage, proofreading, spelling, punctuation, numbers, capitalization, and oral communication concepts.

Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure is the contest in which Tracy Banks will compete. Her competition will be a written objective test on parliamentary procedure principles and FBLA-PBL bylaws. The test questions will be drawn from the official test bank of the National Association of Parliamentarians.

Middle-Level FBLA Gets Charter

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SCHOOLS

Jump In Jump Out & Introduce Yourself!



by Kimberly Ward

This week's student recognition is Karen Spruill. Karen is 17-years-old and in the twelfth grade. Karen was born in Opp, Alabama.

She likes to watch television, go to Enterprise Wal-Mart and just ride around.

Karen is a member of the Elba High School Band and president of Tri-M Music Honor Society. She likes Elba because it's a small town and everyone knows everybody else.

Karen also says she is unique because she likes to laugh a bunch and enjoys making others laugh.

When asked about her favorite subject, Karen stated that she liked Math the best.

Welding Contest

by Amy Kirkland

The EHS Local Welding Contest was held on January 27, 2000 at the EHS welding shop.

Students were tested in Blueprint Reading, SMAW, and GMAW Welding Processes.

The winners were Job Bowers: 1st place; Eli Praytor: 2nd place; and Brian Rhodes: 3rd place.

Eli Praytor will represent Elba High School at the state contest in April.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the contest.

Support Education & Your Local Schools

by Amy Kirkland

On Tuesday, Feb. 8, ten students from the senior class took a trip to the University of South Alabama.

These ten students were able to visit the campus and see the many opportunities that the University of South Alabama may have to offer them in the near future. They each took an on campus visit and looked into each housing facility that was on campus.

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ENTERTAINERS' SPRING SHOW
The Enterprise State Junior College Entertainers' Spring Show is scheduled for Friday, March 10, 7 p.m., and the ESJC Fine Arts Division Spring Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 7 p.m., in the Student Center's Multipurpose Room. There is a \$5 charge for the Entertainers' show while the division concert is presented without admission charge. For more information, call Dr. Richard Snyder at 393-ESJC, ext. 319.

TIME AND MONEY MANAGEMENT
Participants attend two Saturdays, March 4 and 11, 8 a.m. - 3:15 p.m., and learn how to get more time out of the day, how to get more things done, how to organize wisely, how to set priorities, how to control people taking up too much time, how to spend wisely, how to budget and stick to it. Students will receive one hour of college credit for this course.

HOW TO USE THE INTERNET
is a special interest course being offered in the first of two sessions at Enterprise State Junior College this spring semester. This course will provide some quick tips on how to surf the World Wide Web. It is designed for students who have had NO experience using the Internet. The course is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 26, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. There is a \$25 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is Feb. 21.

USING THE MICROCOMPUTER - LEVEL II is offered in a second or three sessions this spring semester. This course is designed for those who have experience with keyboarding. Participants will learn the concepts of computer hardware



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Kimberly Ward
&
Cammie Kelley

AEC's Top 10 Winners

by Katie Vaughan

The Alabama Electric Cooperative top ten winners have been chosen.

Mrs. Sylvia Padgett's 11th grade Advanced English Class was required to research the foundation and construction of rural America before electricity.

Those chosen as the top ten are as follows: Alan Head, Amanda Beerenstrauch, Cammie Kelley, Bethany Dye, Amber Norris, Leanne Mallory, Carson Watts, Valerie Moore, Amy Kirkland, and Roshanda McKinnon.

The top 5 individuals will visit the AEC office for an interview and a test. The person who has accumulated the most points from their paper, interview, and test is the overall winner.

SALUTE!!

Elba Elementary School Menu February 28 - March 3, 2000

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cinnamon Toast, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Vegetable Beef Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Hot Dog, Tater Tots, California Style Vegetables, Cookie, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Hamburger Helper, Corn, Green Beans, Rolls, Sliced Peaches, Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, Peach Cup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Roll, Mixed Fruit, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Barbecue on Bun, Rice, Fried Okra, Banana, Milk

University of South Alabama Trip

by Tiffany Farris

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EHS Students Compete In Math Tournament

by Emilee Qualls

On Friday, Feb. 4, six Elba High School students participated in the Math Tournament held at LBW in Andalusia.

Among these students were Nicholas Brunson, Janaina Elaine de Silva Oliveira, Emilee Qualls, Greg Bowers, Kimberly Ward and Monique Ordon.

When arriving at LBW, the students had to register, and then each student was sent to a different room to work a math test.

After the test, there was a ciphering round held in the LBW gym. Nicholas, Greg, Monique and Janaina participated in the ciphering.

After the ciphering, the LBW Ensemble performed for all the schools that attended. Next the awards were held.

These students all did and out-standing job and had a lot of fun.

SALUTE!!

watching all the games from the front row."

Alan Head - "I think we had a great year. We're starting to pull together now and if we continue doing that, we should make it to state."

Tim Ware - "It was difficult through all the changes we had to go through. We succeeded and if we keep playing like this, we should go to Birmingham. We hope to bring some state rings back."

I also interviewed the coaches, and this was their response.

Coach Johnny Dunn - "We have finished the season with a 22-4 record, and this is a tribute to the athletes we have at Elba High School. They have been able to adjust to the different offenses and defenses that all the teams have thrown at them. These young men have come together as a family. They have put the team first and in some games they were so conscious of doing the things to win a ball game that some games they didn't know how many points they had scored. If we continue to come together and improve offensively

and defensively, I wouldn't be surprised to see them in Birmingham."

Coach Jimmy Corbitt - "This has been a merry-go-round season. I've been from volunteer coach, to head coach, to assistant coach. But one thing has remained the same, these boys are playing great basketball. That means a lot, since they have been dealt a new obstacle every week since the season started. These young men deserve a lot of respect and admiration for what they have overcome. I'm just thankful that I got to be a part of one of the best basketball teams to ever come out of Elba. Good Lord willing, we should go deep in the playoffs."

One thing is for sure, the Elba Tigers have become a great team. Their dedication proves the strength and enormous abilities these players possess. They have had a season filled with ups and downs. However, they have overcome these obstacles in the most positive way. We hope that they will go all the way to Birmingham. They certainly have the ability and talents. Congratulations to the Tigers for a fabulous season.

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Elba Varsity Basketball Team - Nothing But Net

by Cammie Kelley

The Varsity Basketball Team finished their season on Feb. 8 in New Brockton. They defeated the Gamecocks 47-37. The Tigers finished out the season with a 22-4 record. This was the best record that the Varsity team has had in several years. It was a hard season. The boys lost their head coach in the middle of the season and one of the starting players was injured recently. However, the Tigers rebounded back from these losses and played extremely well. I interviewed several of the players about their season and this was their response.

Monroe Williams - "It was unusual."

Clay Sutley - "I should've played B-team."

Sammy Hill - "It's been a great season. It's gonna be even better when we 'bling, bling' in Birmingham."

Vinson Hammonds - "It was a great season, but, it ain't over until we get to Birmingham."

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Views from...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

While I still get asked the question "how do you like living in the country?" at least a few times a day, there is no longer any need to ask Melanie. When we moved, she discovered right away that a classmate lived next door, and now another fifth grader has moved in on the other side of the house, which means Melanie is now surrounded by friends. It looked great to see five youngsters riding their bikes down the dirt road in front of our house one day last week, and I can echo Melanie's feelings that the country is a great place to live!

DUSTING OFF THE SPORTS DESK AFTER A BUSY WEEK...

*** The Elba Tigers had to hit the road for their sub-region clash with Calhoun last week after falling in the area finals to Clayton, but made the most out of their trip over to Lowndes County by upsetting the Calhoun Tigers 69-65 in the final game to complete this week in the Southeast Regionals, at Troy State. The Tigers had lost to Calhoun the past two years in sub-region play, but Friday night played hand from the opening tip until the final horn and rallied midway through the fourth quarter to pull out the exciting win. Tim Ware, who sat out over 26 minutes in the area final loss to Clayton thanks to a whistle-happy ref, scored 24 points and made several key defensive plays down the stretch to lead the Tigers to the win, while Monroe Williams, still not 100 percent after being shot in the leg, came through with 19 points and was almost unstoppable in the paint. Elba's guards had some problems with the quickness and aggressive defensive play of Calhoun; however, it was a true team win on the road, and gave the Tigers their first berth in a regional tournament in three years. The Tigers will carry a 2-4 record into this week's clash against Trinity, and always held their own en route to winning 13 games. Elba's girls basketball program is still young, but it is growing by leaps and bounds, and appears ready to move to that next level.

*** The New Brockton Gamecocks and Brantley Bulldogs both advanced to this week's Southwest Regional Tournament, in Mobile, but it was anything but a cake walk for both teams. The Gamecocks won the area finals over Red Level with a basket at the buzzer, then got a three-pointer with six ticks left to force an overtime, and proceeded to win in its sub-region battle against Southern Chocoma. The Gamecocks may not be the most talented, or flashiest team around, but they know how to win, and that is the only stat that counts this time of the season. Brantley lost to Pleasant Home in its area final and was all but written off for dead, but showed once again that the Bulldogs have one of the state's top small school programs as they pulled off a last-second win over Coffeetown in sub-region action. The Bulldogs weren't given much of a chance against the West Alabama power, but brought home the title and punched their ticket for Mobile. While both teams are considered huge underdogs at the Southwest Regionals, don't be surprised if they survive and make it on to Birmingham. One thing these teams do know how to do is win!

*** The spectators fied and all but five of the players were ejected last week after a brawl broke out in Prichard during the game between Blount and B.C. Rain. As gamecocks took place between two players under the goal after a lay-up, and after a few punches were thrown the game erupted into a free for all. Blount was ahead 56-53 when the fight broke out, and Blount went on to win 64-57, with Blount having three players and Rain only two players after everyone else was ejected, and all the fans were shown the way to the door. There were no serious injuries, and both schools received only a slap on the wrist from the AHSAA after it reviewed the videotape of the game. I am sure the state association did what it thought was right concerning the incident. However, it is puzzling to me that a school can get booted from the football playoffs for failing to list all its players on a form, but in basketball very little is done when violence breaks out on the court, or in the gym. The time is "NOW" for the Alabama High School Athletic Association to get all school officials together and come up with a plan to address violence at sporting events and unsportsmanlike conduct at games by fans. It is getting scary, and unless the AHSAA takes some strong stand on the problem, it will only get worse.

*** In closing, the kids and parents have begun getting ready for baseball and softball season, and anyone that has been up to Hawkins-Williams Park in recent weeks has noticed the newly constructed playground next to the tennis courts. The playground, built by Parks and Rec employees, includes swings, climbing towers, a swinging ladder, a fireman's pole and other kid-friendly things. The park hasn't had any playground equipment since being built twenty years ago, and the kids are already having a ball. Hey, the parents are invited too!

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In Class 3A, Area 3 tourney finals

Elba Lady Tigers fall late to Slocomb 52-48

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their dreams of winning the Class 3A, Area 3 basketball tournament come to a disappointing end last Tuesday night as the Slocomb Red Toppers staged a second half rally to down the Lady Tigers 52-48, in Slocomb.

The loss left the Lady Tigers with a 13-14 record, while Slocomb improved its slate to 13-12 with the win.

The Lady Tigers fell behind 2-0 early in the opening quarter, but quickly took command on both ends of the court, and sparked the scoring of Laguna Mack and Roshanda McKinnon, and the rebounding of Vaughan Boyd, went on a 9-0 run to take a 9-2 lead with 1:25 remaining in the stanza.

The Lady Tigers took their biggest lead of the half at 12-4 with 7:42 left in the second quarter on a three-point shot by Laguna Mack, but Slocomb picked up its intensity on the defensive end of the court and used the quicker pace to rally and cut the Elba lead to 12-10 with 3:47 remaining in the half.

The Lady Tigers moved into a 16-10 advantage with 2:50 left after Mack nailed four free-throws on two trips to the foul line; however, Elba managed to hit only 5 of 14 free-throw chances in the stanza, while Slocomb hit 7 of 7 from the line and rallied to grab a 21-20 lead at the half.

The Lady Tigers regained the lead at 23-21 early in the third quarter on a three-point shot by Kern Lawford, and although Elba failed to make a two-point basket throughout the stanza, Roshanda McKinnon hit

the opening stanza on an inside bucket by Kern Lawford, but while the Lady Tigers were effective in slowing down the high-scoring Calhoun offensive attack, they were ice-cold from the floor and missed numerous shots from inside and out to allow Calhoun to take a 42-22 advantage heading into the second quarter.

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Elba Lady Tiger freshman Laguna Mack dribbles up court against Slocomb pressure. Mack scored 16 points in the Lady Tigers' 52-48 loss to the Red Toppers in the Class 3A, Area 3 tournament finals. Also pictured is Elba teammate Rachel Bludworth.

5 of 6 free-throws and Kerri Lawford and Ayonna Proctor combined to hit four three-pointers, as the Lady Tigers carried a 37-33 lead into the fourth quarter.

Elba owned a 39-35 lead with 5:49 left after a basket by Laguna Mack, but the Lady Tigers began to get in serious foul trouble midway through the stanza, and Slocomb rallied to move ahead 41-39 with 4:21 still left in the game.

The loss left Elba with a final record of 13-15, while Calhoun, ranked #2 in the state in Class 3A, improved its record to 25-2 with the win.

Elba pulled even at 2-2 early in the opening stanza on an inside bucket by Kern Lawford, but while the Lady Tigers were effective in slowing down the high-scoring Calhoun offensive attack, they were ice-cold from the floor and missed numerous shots from inside and out to allow Calhoun to take a 42-22 advantage heading into the second quarter.

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In sub-region finals

Tigers tame Calhoun 69-65

The Elba Tigers used a 9-2 run midway through the fourth quarter to regain the lead and held on in the closing seconds to defeat the Calhoun Tigers 69-65, last Friday night in Calhoun.

The win improved Elba's record to 24-5 and earned the Tigers a berth in the Southeast Regionals, at Troy State, while Calhoun ended its season with a record of 18-11.

The Tigers from Coffee County jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead on a turnaround jumper by Tim Ware, only to see Calhoun use its size and quickness inside to score three straight baskets and move on top 6-2 with 6:19 left in the opening stanza.

Elba pulled even at 8-8 with 2:41 left in the quarter on a tip-in by Ware, regained the lead on a driving lay-up by Wayne Reed, and closed out the stanza by scoring the final 11 points of the quarter, as the Tigers moved out to a 15-8 lead.

A free-throw by Reed with 7:37 left in the second quarter capped off the Tigers' 12-0 run and upped Elba's lead to 16-8, but Calhoun wasn't about to throw in the towel, and answered the Tigers' rally with a rally of its own, as Calhoun outscored Elba 9-2 to pull within 18-17 with 6:07 still remaining in the quarter.

Elba, sparked by the inside play

of Tim Ware and Monroe Williams, scored the next six points of the quarter as the Tigers regained command at 24-17. However, Calhoun again had an answer for the Tiger surge, and caught the Tigers at 28-28 with 2:35 left in the half on its third three-point shot of the quarter.

Calhoun took its first lead since early in the game only seconds later at 31-30, and while Elba did regain the lead late in the half on a Monroe Williams put back, Calhoun connected on its fourth three-point shot of the stanza with only 03 left on the clock and went in at the half with a 36-35 advantage.

Calhoun moved on top 40-35 early in the third quarter after a pair of steals and lay-ups, but the Tigers kept battling on both ends of the court, and slipped back in front at 45-44 with 1:21 remaining in the quarter on a tip-in by Wayne Reed.

The two teams entered the final stanza tied at 47-47, and after the teams swapped leads early in the stanza, Calhoun hit three straight free-throws to take a 56-52 lead with 5:04 remaining in the game.

Two buckets by Tim Ware pulled the Tigers even at 56-56 with 4:05 left, while Wayne Reed and Monroe Williams combined to hit 5 of 6 free-throws over the next two minutes, as Elba pulled out to a 61-56 lead with 2:55 remaining on the clock.

Cole with only 01 left on the clock. The (22-8) Gamecocks were led in scoring by Cole with 16 points and Jason McKenzie with 13 points, while Frank Tolbert led Red Level with 21 points.

New Brockton hosted Southern Chocoma Friday night and used a late three-pointer by Danny Toole to send the game into overtime, and then took charge in the extra period, and the Gamecocks took over in overtime to post the win. Jason McKenzie scored 19 points to lead New Brockton, while Kellen Cole added 10. Spencer Johnson led Southern Chocoma with 22 points.

The Elba Tigers need two wins at Southeast Regional to punch ticket to Final Four

The Alabama High School Athletic Association will host the "Southeast Regional" High School Basketball Tournament on Feb. 22-26, at Sartain Hall, on the campus of Troy State University, with a total of 48 boys and girls teams in all six classifications looking to advance to the Final Four, next week in Birmingham.

The action tipped off on Tuesday morning with a 1A girls contest at 9:00 a.m., and will continue until the 6A boys final tip off on Saturday night at 6:15 p.m.

The Elba Tigers, ranked #4 in Class 3A in the final poll of the season, were set to swing into action on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. against Trinity of Montgomery. The Tigers advanced to regional play with a 69-65 sub-region win over Calhoun, while (19-10) Trinity advanced with a 52-44 win over Vincent.

Other area teams in the regional tournament field include (Girls) Class 1A Houston Academy; Class 2A Geneva County; Louisville and Highland Home; Class 3A Slocomb and Calhoun; Class 4A Geneva and Headland; Class 5A Andalusia and Charles Henderson; Class 6A Dothan. (Boys) Class 1A Houston Academy; Class 2A Geneva County and Louisville; Class 3A Elba and Clayton; Class 4A Headland and Abbeville; Class 6A Dothan.

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The Alabama High School Athletic Association will host the Southwest Regional High School Basketball Tournament on Feb. 22-26, on the campus of the University of South Alabama, in Mobile, with the New Brockton Gamecocks and Brantley Bulldogs included among the 48 prep teams looking to grab two wins and advance to the Final Four, next week in Birmingham.

Brantley was scheduled to open tourney action on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. against Akron, and if the Bulldogs advance, they will play again in the region finals on Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

New Brockton was set to tip off its tourney play on Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. against Maplesville, with a Gamecock win to move New Brockton into the tourney finals on Thursday at 8:30 p.m.

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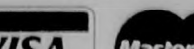
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Community News



Elba Elementary sixth grade student Elizabeth Weeks recently won 100 books for the school library after entering a national contest sponsored by Scholastic Books, Inc. and WKMG radio station. Included in the 100 books are the popular Harry Potter books, The Magic School Bus series, Baby'sitter's Club series, Arthur books and some award winning books.

Registration deadline announced for Miss Elba & Zion Chapel pageants

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the Miss Elba pageants and the Miss Zion Chapel pageants on March 18. Age divisions include: Future Little Miss: age 4 - Kindergarten; Little Miss: 1st grade; Jr. Miss: 7th grade - age 16; Miss: ages 17-21. Entry forms may be picked up at the Elba Schools, Zion Chapel Schools, or the Chamber office located in the old Elba High School building. The entry forms and \$20 entry fee are due on March 3. They should be turned in to the Chamber office. Little Miss, Jr. Miss and Miss contestants should turn in 2 - 5x7 black and white photos (one close up and one full length) to the Chamber office by March 10.

Weigh the options before paying taxes with a credit card

"Using a credit card to pay your taxes could double your tax bill," said Debt Counselors of America Vice President Mike Kidwell. "People should do the math before charging their taxes."

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assumes a 15 percent interest rate and a minimum payment of \$62.

"Using the IRS payment plan cuts the total payment by more than 40 percent," Kidwell said. "Using the same \$3,000 balance with a \$62 monthly payment, a taxpayer would pay a total of \$4,961, of which \$1,961 is interest." The IRS charges a \$43 set-up fee, plus 8 percent interest, plus a penalty of 0.25 percent per month if you file on time and set up an installment agreement.

"However, there may be some psychological or practical value to owing a credit card company, rather than the IRS," Kidwell notes. "When it comes to collecting a debt, the IRS has more options than your credit card company." These include seizing your bank account, levying your wages, or taking other income or assets.

"If you can't pay a credit card bill, the other hand, the account will normally be sent to a collection agency, which will try to collect before taking more serious action. The creditor or collection agency cannot touch assets without getting a court judgment." People should understand that they cannot discharge taxes in bankruptcy if the taxes have been charged to a credit card.

Kidwell says, consider using a

credit card to pay your taxes if...

You aren't certain you can keep up with a payment plan set up by the IRS. If you are late on your payments, or miss a payment, the IRS may immediately begin collection activity against you. Because the IRS has greater powers in collecting a debt than credit card companies, it might be smarter to owe a credit card company if you run into financial difficulties.

You will be able to pay off the debt quickly and you charge it to a card with a low introductory rate. If you know you will be able to pay the debt within a few months by selling an asset or earning extra money, for example, you may want to use a card with a low introductory rate and pay the bill as quickly as possible. In that case, the interest savings may outweigh the fee.

"Regardless of which payment option you choose you should immediately consult with a qualified tax advisor so you don't end up in the same bind next year," said Kidwell, who is co-author of *Get Out Of Debt: Smart Solutions To Your Money Problems*.

Official Payments Corporation, the federal government's credit card processor, accepts only American Express, Discover and MasterCard credit cards.

City can not pick up tires & batteries w/ trash

The City of Elba, even though seemingly slow at times, is proud to provide trash pick-up from homes. A major problem, however, are piles of rubbish that are a mixture of limbs, etc. with metal or tires. Metal is picked up separately and is delivered to an entirely different location. Tires and batteries will not be picked up at all. It is the homeowners' responsibility to dispose of these items either through a tire dealer or a parts house.

Burger King and CPSC recall pokemon balls

by Sandra Coffey
County Agent Coordinator

USDA Family Life Coordinator, Ann Kobbie, is advising urgent action on the following recall.

In wake of Second Death, CPSC and Burger King again urge consumers to destroy and discard Pokemon balls.

The U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and Burger King Corporation are again urging consumers to immediately destroy and discard Pokemon balls distributed with Burger King kids meals in November and December 1999. On January 25, 2000, a 4-month-old boy in Indianapolis, Indiana, reportedly suffocated when one-half of a Pokemon ball that was in his crib became stuck on his face.

Burger King Corp., in cooperation with CPSC, issued a voluntary recall of more than 25 million Pokemon balls on December 27, 1999. The balls pose a suffocation hazard to children under three years of age. In December, a 13-month old girl reportedly suffocated when one-half of a Pokemon ball covered her nose and mouth. Also in December, an 18-month old girl nearly suffocated when a ball-half got stuck over her face. On the second attempt, the girl's father was able to pull the ball-half from her face.

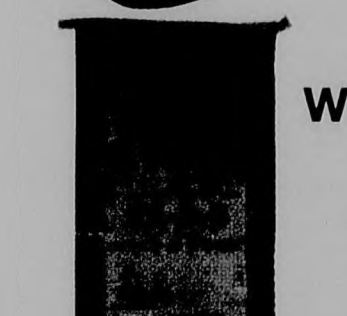
Pokemon balls are plastic, ball-shaped containers between 2.75 and 3 inches in diameter. They pull apart to reveal one of 57 different Pokemon toys inside. The balls were distributed in a variety of colors including red and white, and hot pink. Packaging described them as safety tested and recommended for all ages of children. Burger King restaurants nationwide distributed the Pokemon balls inside Burger King big kids meals and regular kids meals from early November through December 1999.

Consumers should immediately take the balls away from children under the age of three. They should discard the ball or return both halves of the ball and the clip to a Burger King restaurant for a free order of small fries. Children can continue to use the Pokemon toy that came inside the ball.

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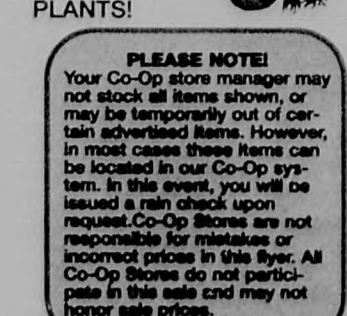
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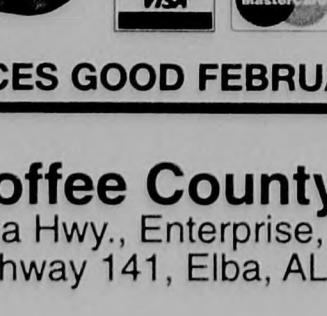
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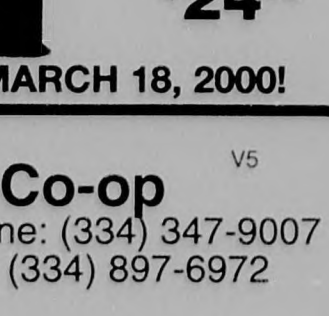
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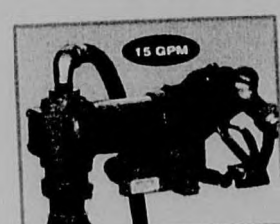
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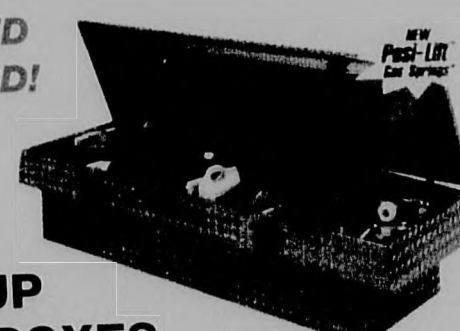
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